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DD/S&T personnel concerned with CORONA operations felt there was sound motivation for returning SOC to the CIA. Pressures had been placed on [redacted] head of SOC in the Pentagon from June 1963 to ~~1965~~ June 1965, and he was accused of being too loyal to USIB and of not sharing the views of the NRO regarding satellite targeting. There were continuing efforts to discourage him in his assignment and he was not given the necessary authority to assure that USIB's desires were fully satisfied. NRO from time to time would honor military targeting which did not bear the seal of COMOR's endorsement per se, and unilaterally directed launches allowed experimental payloads to be orbited on reconnaissance vehicles lessening the options available to the Intelligence Community.

No function of the SOC requires that it be physically located within the Pentagon or placed in proximity to the Air Force. The daily activities of the SOC in mission planning, orbit selection and targeting require a continuing relationship with various USIB Committees and computer and commo support by CIA originating at Langley.